Protest Against Hughes

Following is the protest filed by jury and suffering to their fellow the American anti-trust league with men. the United States senate against the confirmation of the nomination of men to intrust with great power is Governor Hughes to be justice of the the strong-headed, able and detersupreme court:

Washington, D. C., May 1, 1910. on the Judiciary:

tion the members of the judiciary bench. committee and the senate of the matter of confirming the appointment the United States.

terests and welfare of the people of the United States.

bias or malice whatever toward Mr. on his confirmation. Hughes and solely with the view of

Hughes' public record can believe and fitness for the supreme court. that his mental leanings are other to this country.

heads of these trusts and who connecessaries of life as well as those ersons who control the transportation trusts and the money trusts contributors to the campaign funds used to elect Mr. Hughes as governor of New York.

Among those trust officials who contributed most heavily to elect their friend, Mr. Hughes, to the governorship of New York and who undoubtedly are now favoring his appointment to the supreme court bench, were men prominent in the control of the tobacco trust, the Standard Oil trust, the coal trust and the railroad trust, who are now their cases will be among the very first which Governor Hughes will be called to decide if he were conconsent of the senate to sit as a United States.

of Governor Hughes, who are making such an active campaign for his favorably for the humanity of those campaign, that he would only decide whom an imperious ordinance of reis no sufficient warrant for his confirmation when we realize that the therefore a duty which I owe to the records of human history are full of the names of men who, when in positions of great power, performed acts which they thought were hon- to address myself to you in the hope estly right, and yet those acts resulted in terrible and irreparable in-

One of the most dangerous of all mined man who thinks he is right sufficiently near to observe with acceeding little, if at all, longer, or when he is wrong. And in no public To the Honorable, the Senate of the office in these United States are there United States and the Committee greater possibilities of public injury than in having men so constituted The undersigned respectfully peti- sitting for life on the supreme court

We protest against the confirma-United States to proceed with espe- tion of Charles E. Hughes because cial deliberation and caution in the we are convinced that a thorough investigation by the judiciary commitof Charles E. Hughes of New York | tee and the senate will disclose the as a justice of the supreme court of fact that he is a man of the type above described, and that his precon-Our reason for so doing is that we ceived views, to which he holds most desire to protest most emphatically tenaciously on public questions such against the confirmation of said as the income tax, the two-cent fare Charles E. Hughes, on the ground law, the propriety of accepting large that in several respects his appoint- amounts of money for campaign purment to the supreme court is highly poses from trust officials whose cases improper and unsafe for the best in- are now pending, in sums which may practically decide an election, show that much beside his legal learning We make our protest to your hon- and amiable personality should be orable committee with no personal taken into consideration in deciding

We especially protest against his performing a public duty in the pub- immediate confirmation to this life position of great power which in the It is now universally recognized by ordinary course of events he will fill citizens of every state and of every for a quarter of a century with uncalling that a grave crisis exists in limited opportunity to affect the weal the conflict of interests between the or woe of the American people, for great lawless combination known as the reason that he has announced trusts on the one side and the people that he will not undertake the duties of these United States on the other. of the office until after the first of We protest against the confirma- October, so that no public injury can tion of Charles E. Hughes as a justice possibly arise from the senate taking of the supreme court for the reason time to make a most thorough inthat no one familiar with Mr. quiry into Mr. Hughes' qualifications

We protest against the appointthan friendly to the purposes and ment of Governor Hughes to the suplans of the men at the head of these preme court for the reason that, great trust conspiracies against the should he prove as we fear he will, a people, which are now so menacing judge friendly to the pretensions of the great lawless trusts, then all the We protest against his confirma- ground that the people have won tion for the reason that it is a matter against the trusts in the last twenty of public record that many of the years of struggle will be practically men of the greatest power at the lost. We respectfully ask a reasonable time to present to your honortrol the unlawful monopolies in the ably body the evidence which will verify the statements contained in this protest.

Vice Chairman Executive Commitwere his active supporters and large tee, American Anti-Trust League, H. Schultis.

National Secretary, H. B. Martin.

SUTTEE AS IT USED TO BE Monday, June 11.

East Indies.

Interesting account of a suttee: Being informed that a suttee was about to take place in the vicinity of my house (in the neighborhood of Calcutta) I repaired to the spot, in company with a friend instigated by on trial for their offenses against a strong and natural curiosity, to obthe laws of the United States, and serve narrowly the deportment of a human being about to take a voluntary and public leave of existence, and believing from what we had read firmed by and with the advice and of similar cases, that our feelings would not be shocked by any open justice of the supreme court of the exhibition of the actual pains of dissolution. I do not recollect to have The specious claim of the friends seen any account of a suttee, which did not, upon the whole, tell rather what he thought was henestly right, ligion calls upon to preside or officiate at such ceremonials. I think it cause of truth, to record at least one instance on the other side of the question. With this view I beg leave you will give the narration a place in your valuable newspaper, when

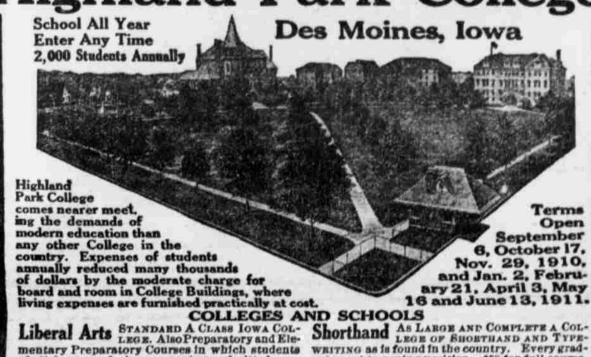
novel to insert.

you have nothing more interesting or curacy the ceremonies that were performing. Our attention was attract-"The suttee in question took place ed to the pile, which was placed at a spot by the river side, about a about high water mark. It was not quarter of a mile below Barnagore, altogether more than four and oneat eleven in the morning. We ar- half or five feet long, to the best of rived about half an hour before that our observation, and consisted meretime, and found the widow, bathing ly of some long billets of chopped in the river, surrounded by a troop soon-dry wood, fresh and green from of friends, chiefly men. It was then the bazar, retained in their places by low water, and the deep mud left by four stakes driven into the ground the tide prevented our approaching at the angles. The whole was ex-

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